

Application No. 10/615,176

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Official Action mailed on December 14, 2004. This response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Claim 26 stands objected due to informalities. All of the Examiner's suggestions have been incorporated in the amended claim to overcome this objection (anchoring kit and "multiple apparatus"). Although the Examiner only mentioned claim 26, the same amendment has been applied to claim 27.

Claims 26-29 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 USC §103(a) as being obvious in light of Price.

Applicant respectfully traverses the above rejections. Examiner states that Price (page 4, lines 83-92) "disclose water pressure building up and falling in the cylinder adjacent the head 12. This can only be determined by an indicator of some sort on the pump or pumping system measuring fluid pressure at the expanding section, noting that page 5 lines 7-19 also disclose knowing the fluid pressure at the wedge."

Applicant respectfully wishes to point out that in page 4, lines 83-92 Price is completely silent about any indicator. All Price mentions is "the pressure of the water acting upon the go devil will force it through the tapered port 16 by a slow movement of the piston until the water under pressure is admitted to the cylinder adjacent its head 12." In other words, the only indication is that of the water under pressure being admitted to the cylinder adjacent the head. There is absolutely no indicator that indicates if the anchor is safely anchored in place or not.

In any case, the claims have been amended to structurally differentiate the anchor of the present invention, which is meant for installing male-thread fasteners, from the so-called "anchor" of Price. The new claims particularly point out structure not found in any of the prior art, namely, that the shank has an internally threaded portion adapted for threaded engagement with a male-threaded fastener.

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Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 26-29 are in a condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case..

Respectfully submitted,

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